

Captain Mitchell of the Council

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Cecilius & your right trusty and Well Beloved
 William Stone Esq our Lieutenant of the said Province of
 Maryland and to the rest of our Privy Council and other
 Officers there and to all others whom it may concern ^{Greating} where
 as our trusty and well Beloved William Mitchell Esq doth
 the next Summer expedition intend to transport himself
 and family and divers other Artificers Workmen and divers
 other very useful persons in all to the Number of twenty
 persons at the least into our said Province of Maryland
 there to erect and make and settle a Considerable Plantation
 and for that purpose hath well stored himself with provi-
 sions and Ammunition for the better Supply and defence
 of such his Plantation and consequently of the said prov^s
 and also intends to supply and furnish such his planta-
 tion with fresh Supplies of men provisions and Ammu-
 nition as Occasion shall serve which we have Good Assu-
 rance he is able to perform Now know ye that we having Good
 Experience of the honour worth and good Abilities of the
 said William Mitchell and of his Faithfulness to us and
 his real desires and intentions for the Good and Prosperity
 of our said Province and reposing special trust and Conf-
 dence in his Wisdom diligence and Experience do upon
 such his Settlement and Plantation in our said prov^s
 as aforesaid by these presents constitute and appoint him
 the said William Mitchell to be one of our Privy Council
 of State within our said Province of Maryland.....
 until we or our heirs shall signify our or their pleasure to
 the contrary under our or their hand and seal at Arms and
 we do hereby Give and Grant unto him the said William